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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (SUBPARA D)

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, GB, US

SUBJ: DAM CONSTRUCTION NEAR FRANCEVILLE

REF: LIBREVILLE 1476

1. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED LETTER DECEMBER 28 FROM MINISTER OF MINES MBOUY-BOUTZIT RESPONDING TO AMBASSADOR'S EARLIER LETTER ON SUBJECT PROJECT. MBOUY-BOUTZIT SAYS PRESIDENT BONGO HAS INFORMED HIM OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND AMBASSADOR RE SUBJECT PROJECT AND THAT MBOUY-BOUTZIT IS READY TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVE FROM MORRISON-KNUDSEN (AND PRESUMABLY OTHER AMERICAN COMPANIES) AT ANY TIME. LETTER ENCLOSES FOLLOWING TABLE GIVING APPROXIMATE CHARACTERISTICS FOR PROPOSED DAM AT GRAND POUBARA (DAM AT PETIT POUBARA CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY FRENCH GROUP):

A. HEIGHT OF DAM, INCLUDING FOUNDATION -- ABOUT 55 METERS.

B. HEIGHT OF WATERFALL -- ABOUT 125 METERS.

C. RESERVE OF WATER TO BE USED -- ABOUT 1.7 BILLION CUBIC METERS.

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D. POSSIBLE REGULARIZATION: WITH PETIT POUBARA OPERATING  
-- ABOUT 185 M3/S; WITHOUT PETIT POUBARA OPERATING --ABOUT  
240 M3/S.

E. GUARANTEED POWER: WITH PETIT POUBARA OPERATING -- ABOUT  
180 MW; WITHOUT PETIT POUBARA OPERATING -- ABOUT 230 MW.

F. ANNUAL PRODUCTION: WRH PETIT POUBARA OPERATING -- ABOUT  
1,500 GWH; WITHOUT PETIT POUBARA OPERATING -- ABOUT 2,000 GWH.

2. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.  
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